

## Letter from Samuel P. Langley to Alexander Graham Bell, October 7, 1899

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION. *Washington, U. S.A.* October 7 , 1899. Dear Mr. Bell:

Your letter of September 26, transmitting communications from Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Mallory of the George Washington Memorial Association, and copies of your replies, is at hand, and after reading them I return the enclosures herewith.

The regular time for holding the autumn meeting of the Executive Committee is the fourth Friday in October. I am just writing Senator Henderson on the matter, in order to settle positively on the date, and will let you know about it as soon as I hear from him.

Recalling your letter favoring the request of Mr. L. Bevier for a grant of money in furtherance of his investigations regarding the photography of vowel sounds, I would say that I have written Mr. Bevier that I shall be glad to render him such assistance as the means at my command will permit.

The Board of Ordnance and Fortifications of the Army holds its annual meeting during this month, and you may be interested to know that some of the members of the Board will probably, in about a fortnight, inspect the progress of the work on the new aerodrome. While the machine is not yet ready for flying, many important details of construction are well advanced. I have requested permission to invite you and Mr. Walcott to be present, and it would give me much pleasure to have you here at that time, but the matter is not of sufficient consequence to call you to Washington for that purpose alone.

Yours very truly, S. P. Langley  
Doctor Alexander Graham Bell, Baddeck, Cape Breton,  
Nova Scotia. P